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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please first enter the following amendments.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 1 - 19, and add new claims 20-38, as follows.

(A) a poly(acrylic acid) with endgroups resulting from initiators and/or chain transfer agents that are inert for condensation reactions, said poly(acrylic acid) A-1 having a molecular weight of from 500 to 20,000